



## News Release

### GN Renews its Program Partnership Policy

**RESOLUTE BAY, Nunavut (June 3, 2005)** – Economic Development and Transportation Minister David Simailak today announced a one-year extension of the Government of Nunavut's Program Partnership Policy.

The policy was created in 2000 to promote the development of productive partnership agreements between communities, non-governmental organizations, and the Department Economic Development and Transportation. The policy has led to a wide range of important initiatives, including the establishment of high-speed Internet access throughout Nunavut through partnership with the Nunavut Broadband Development Corporation (NBDC).

“By renewing the program, the Government of Nunavut is recognizing the critical importance of partnerships in supporting healthy communities through business development, organizational development and community capacity,” said Simailak.

Other successful initiatives developed under the program include partnerships with non-governmental organizations such as Nunavut Tourism, Nunavut Arts and Crafts Association and the Nunavut Economic Developers Association.

The department is responsible for delivering economic programs and services to promote community economic development that result in measurable increased in employment, income, and Inuusiqainnarniq for Nunavut residents. Simailak views the Program Partnership Policy as an important tool for building community capacity and to enable people to plan, develop, and evaluate their own opportunities.

“As a government we've learned that it's often a good idea to work in partnership with communities and non-governmental organizations to deliver economic development programs”, said Simailak. “We see it as a way to bring together government resources, the expertise of our Nunavut organizations, and the real needs of our communities. It's an approach that's worked extremely well for the last few years, and I'm pleased to see it continue.”

The renewal of the Program Partnership Policy is part of a larger initiative and the department is currently reviewing all its programs and policies in an effort to reduce unnecessary regulations that impede business development in Nunavut communities.

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